

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A gas generator of the present invention is so structured that a housing is formed by joining an iron- or steel-made upper lid, containing a top plate and a side cylinder extending downward from an entire circumferential edge thereof and provided with many gas discharge holes with an iron- or steel-made lower lid, containing a bottom plate, side cylinder extending upward from an entire circumferential edge thereof, and an ignitor holding portion formed integrally with the bottom plate and for fixing by caulking an ignitor. In the housing, the ignitor and a gas generating agent are arranged in the order mentioned from a center thereof. A flange extending horizontally outward from the side cylinder of the top plate is formed. The integral forming is done by a repetition of pressuring iron or steel to flow. The lower lid is formed into a ball-like bowl-like shape. The ignitor holding portion comprises an inner side cylindrical portion standing on a wall thickness portion of the bottom plate of the ball-like bowl-like lower lid and holding the ignitor, a protruding portion protruding into a center from the inner side cylindrical portion and mounting the ignitor, and a bending portion extending from the inner side cylindrical portion, bending towards the center, and fixing the ignitor by caulking. Organic-compound gas generating agents containing mainly nitrogen are disposed in the housing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

By a repetition of pressuring iron or steel to flow by partial forging, spinning or the like, it is possible to form the ignitor holding portion integrally with the lower lid even if the lower lid is made of iron or steel. Also, the lower lid is formed into a ball-like bowl-like

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shape. As a result, a high mechanical strength can be shown. As a result, it is also possible to prevent the lower lid from being modified by a high internal pressure generated at the time of burning of a nitrogen containing organic-compound.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

By the partially repetition of pressuring to flow as described above, it is possible to form the top plate 2a and the bottom plate 3f of the upper lid 2 and the lower lid 3 into a ball-like bowl-like shape, wherein the lower lid has enough pressure resistance not to be modified by the internal pressure generated at the time of burning of a nitrogen containing organic-compound.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is preferable that the ignitor holding portion 3a is formed in the center of the bottom plate 3f in view of strength. The ignitor holding portion 3 according to the embodiments of the present invention is composed of an inner side cylindrical portion 3b standing on a wall thickness portion 3e of the bottom plate 3f of the ball-like bowl-like lower lid 3 and holding the ignitor 30, a protruding portion 3d protruding into a center from the inner side cylindrical portion 3b and mounting the ignitor 30 over a packing 31, and a bending portion 3c extending from the inner side cylindrical portion 3b, bending towards the center, and fixing the ignitor 30 by caulking.